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Dr. Crawford,

As corporate veterinarian/live production employee of Wayne Farms LLC, the fifth largest broiler producing company in the United State, I am writing you to address the use of the Bayer antibiotic, Baytril, for treatment of poultry diseases.

Two major issues relate to the non-availability of the product for poultry production. Namely, the fact that no similar effective agent is available to ameliorate disease incidence and thus the welfare of the populace. This is of great concern to me as a practicing veterinarian who adheres to a professional oath to limit animal suffering. Baytril is the product with, by far, the greatest efficacy in this area. When coupled with the research on diminution of food safety organisms on carcasses post-treatment the decision to continue to make the product available to chicken producers seems, to me, to be clear-cut. I urge you to seriously consider the "big picture" and allow usage to continue. It is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

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